

# WEEKEND WAVE

6-19-15



## Friday Economic Roundup

### ALLEGIANT EXPANDS SERVICE TO SWFL

Allegiant will expand its service between Portsmouth, New Hampshire and Southwest Florida with increased flights to Punta Gorda. Flights originally schedule to begin in February 2016 will now begin Nov. 20 this year and run throughout the spring. The flights will operate twice weekly and will fly nonstop between Portsmouth International Airport at Pease (PSM) and Punta Gorda Airport (PGD). For more information, visit [allegiant.com](http://allegiant.com).

### BLUE CHIP COMMUNITY BUSINESS AWARD NOMINATIONS

The annual Blue Chip Award program recognizes successful, small business owners who have overcome adversity to achieve success. Charlotte, Collier and Lee County for-profit businesses that have been in operation for at least three years under the same ownership and employ five to 400 people are eligible for the Blue Chip Award. Applications must be submitted no later than Sept. 7, 2015 and independent judges will select the winning entry.

The 21st annual Southwest Florida Blue Chip Community Business Award, coordinated and sponsored by BB&T-Oswald Trippe and Company and BB&T Bank will take place Thursday, Nov. 5 at Harborside Event Center, located at 1375 Monroe Street in Fort Myers.

For information on attending the Blue Chip Award program or for submitting an application, please contact Stacey Mercado at (239) 433-7189 or [SMercado@BBandT.com](mailto:SMercado@BBandT.com).

## **FLORIDA ECONOMIC NEWS**

- New law could prioritize funding for logistics zones like Jacksonville ([Jacksonville Business Journal](#))
- Publix plans \$15.6M expansion of pharmacy operations ([Orlando Sentinel](#))

## **US ECONOMIC NEWS**

- Homebuilders overall outlook for sales rises to highest point in 10 years ([Sarasota Herald-Tribune](#))
- Rising birth rates a good sign for the economy ([Times](#))
- Fed sees stronger economy but leaves key rate at record low ([AP](#))

## **ENTREPRENEUR NEWS**

- How to deal with a bad manager ([Jerry Osteryoung](#))
- Will starting a business kill your future job prospects? ([Entrepreneur](#))
- Effectively recruiting millennial talent ([Gainesville Business Report](#))

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